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PROGRESSIVES WILL SUPPORT TAFT

And Will do What They can to Elect Him.

Roosevelt Will Also Give His Support to Taft in 1912.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Published stories of an interchange of political and legislative endorsing letters between President Taft and Col. Roosevelt have been exaggerated. There is no strong bond of union to-day between the present President and his predecessor, and it is not likely that such bond will be cemented in the near future.

Recently it was told how Collector Loeb, of New York had been formally requested to look out for the President's future interests in New York State, and it was also said that the collector would have the Colonel's approval in case he chose to accept. In 1912 Mr. Roosevelt will give Mr. Taft his support, but as it was said in the dispatch touching the interchange between Mr. Taft and Mr. Loeb the support is not at all likely to be full-hearted.

There are men who know definitely just what the attitude of Mr. Roosevelt toward the present administration is, and there are men, also, who know that the present attitude, unless cataclysmic changes come, will be maintained in the future.

The President is unquestionably counting on Mr. Roosevelt's support, and he is going to get it, and it will be an active support, but not fully sympathetic. This means simply that while he will work for Mr. Taft's election the Colonel would prefer that the work was to be done for someone against whom the Progressives never had made charge of a willingness to temporize with reaction. Other Progressive leaders with Col. Roosevelt will support President Taft for re-nomination. The full-heartedness with which they will undertake the task of support can best be judged by what they have said of the President within the last few years. With the Progressive leaders, Roosevelt and all the others the feeling is that the administration recently has shown progressive tendencies which they hold it ought to have shown from the first.

The Progressives are going to support the President and do what they can to elect him and with never a word of the past, but it would not be difficult to get from them an admission that the past is not easily forgotten.

This submitted outline of the situation is truthfully drawn, for the men who have made it are probably truthful men. Certainly no one thus far has made any strong effort to confer upon them membership in the club whose motto is mendacity. The outline is given with no attempt to reason as to the rights and wrongs of the opinions of Mr. Taft's conduct in office which the Progressives hold. They say that Mr. Taft is unquestionably will be re-nominated for the Presidency, that they are party men, and that they think the President is much more of a Progressive than are any of the Democrats most prominently mentioned as candidates for the Presidential nomination.

If no disappointment had come to the Progressive leaders following Taft's legislation and certain other legislation in its first recommended form of course there could be no question as to the loyalty which Roosevelt, Cummins and the rest would come to the support of the President in the next campaign.

As it is, they will bring more sympathy and strength to the President's standard in the next contest, even with memories keen for what they call Mr. Taft's dereliction, because of the seeming certainty that Mr. Harmon, of Ohio is to be the next candidate of the opposition. For Harmon the Progressive Republicans have about as much love as they have for Nelson W. Aldrich. They say frankly that if the Ohio Governor is nominated Mr. Taft safely can make ar-

rangements to say four years more in the White House.

It was Frank L. Dingley, editor of the Lawton, Mo. Journal whose influence unquestionably was responsible for Eugene Hale's withdrawal from the Senatorial contest. Mr. Dingley is one of the ablest Progressive Republicans in the United States. He is a warm personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt. In an editorial in the Lawton Journal, written by Mr. Dingley this has just appeared:

"It is perfectly credible that Roosevelt will stand for Taft in 1912 as Taft in 1910 stands for the redemption of his neglected pledge of 1908 and for faithfulness to the Pinchot as distinguished from the Ballinger policy. As Taft's blunders brought on the landslide—Ohio being in particular evidence—his correction of himself will do much to correct the party misled by Aldrich and tolerated with inexplicable blindness to the New Nationalism, from now on Taft surely will have Roosevelt's support in 1912."

In his editorial Mr. Dingley might have included with Theodore Roosevelt the Western Progressive leaders. It is probable what he is writing about and there are men who believe that if the quoted editorial extract had been written by Theodore Roosevelt it would have been published in precisely the same spirit, with some changes of letter to make it a little less personal to the writer.

TWO DAYS SESSION OF A. S. OF E. UNION

Convened Here Friday and Saturday and Transacted Much Business—Interest Taken.

The meeting of the Ohio County Union of the American Society of Equity convened at the Court House last Friday and Saturday. The meeting was called to order by President S. L. Stevens, of Beaver Dam. In the absence of Secretary C. E. Smith Mr. F. L. Felix, assistant secretary attended to the secretary's duties.

A committee on Resolutions was appointed, and while they were deliberating the meeting was addressed by Rev. Worth Wade. Rev. Wade's remarks were enjoyed, and he urged the members not to cease their work, but to keep everlastingly at it, and made some timely remarks concerning the locals that have dropped into inactivity.

Saturday morning in response to a call from the delegates, President S. L. Stevens made an exhaustive oral report of the proceedings of the meeting of the National Union of American Society of Equity. After the routine work of the convention had been completed Saturday morning the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

S. L. Stevens, President; L. B. Tichenor, Vice President; H. M. Pitt, Secretary; T. F. Tanner, Assistant Secretary; D. Ford, Treasurer. The stock committee, composed of former members L. B. Tichenor, S. L. Stevens and John M. Shultz, were re-elected. On Motion S. L. Stevens and Rev. T. H. Balmann were unanimously elected as delegates-at-large and H. T. Porter, E. W. Jackson and L. B. Tichenor as delegates to the State Convention at Bowling Green, Ind. in session. On motion a vote of thanks was extended to Secretary and Assistant Secretary for their work in the past.

Prof. T. H. Smith, of Hartford College, being called upon responded in a 30-minute speech, very interestingly entertaining the delegates along the line of the organization at the conclusion of which the meeting went into executive session. At the close of the session an adjournment was taken to a special session of the County Union called for the first Saturday in next March.

Ringo to Assist Prosecution.

Owensboro, Ky., Jan. 10.—The prosecution against Morton H. Rogers for the murder of J. U. Laaswell, which occurred at Russellville on last Sunday morning, will be called for an examining trial before the county judge on Wednesday. Commonwealth's Attorney Ben D. Ringo of this city has been employed by the relatives of Mr. Laaswell to assist in the prosecution and he left for Russellville on the 3:50 P. M. and N. train this afternoon.

Height Record Smashed Again When Hoxsey Went Up 11,474 Feet



Flying records do not last long these days, and it is not likely that Arch Hoxsey's great feat of ascending to a height of 11,474 feet at Los Angeles on Dec. 26 will long remain a world's record. Hoxsey went up when a wind was blowing at forty miles an hour, and several other aviators refused to attempt a flight. He at once began climbing and was soon lost to sight. For more than an hour the spectators on the aviation field saw nothing of the daring aviator. Then he again came into view and swooped down in great spirals until he landed near where he had started. He was so numb he could not move and could hardly speak. He said he had encountered frightful cold and he feared that his carburetor would freeze. The record for height has been broken several times during the present year, as the following figures show: Louis Paulhan, Jan. 12, Los Angeles, 4,448 feet; Walter Brookings, July 9, Atlantic City, 6,175 feet; J. Armstrong Drexel, Aug. 11, Lanark, Scotland, 6,750 feet; Drexel, Oct. 24, Belmont park, New York, 7,105 feet; Ralph Johnson, Oct. 25, Belmont park, 7,303 feet; Leon Morane Sept. 3, France, 8,472 feet; George Chavez, Sept. 10, France, 8,792 feet; Henri Wynmalen, Oct. 2, Mourmelon, France, 9,186 feet; Johnstone, Oct. 31, Belmont park, 9,714 feet; Drexel, Nov. 23, Philadelphia, 9,970 feet (record not allowed); M. G. Legagneux, Dec. 9, Pau, France, 10,499 feet; Hoxsey, Dec. 26, Los Angeles, 11,474 feet.

ADDS \$45,000,000 TO PENSION ROLL

House Passes Sulloway Bill to Pay all Civil War Veterans.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The House of Representatives to-day passed the Sulloway general pension bill which grants pensions ranging from \$12 to \$30 a month to all soldiers who served ninety days in the United States army in the Civil War or sixty days in the Mexican War and who have reached the age of sixty-two years. The bill adds about \$45,000,000 a year to the pension roll.

There were comparatively few members who were not anxious for an opportunity to pay tribute to the old soldier. The few who announced that they were going to oppose the measure were equally anxious for an opportunity to explain why they were doing so. Speaker Cannon himself took the floor at the close of the debate and made an earnest plea for the passage of the bill. The bill was passed by 212 to 62.

Opposition to the measure was expressed by some members on the ground that its terms were too general. It provides for the pensioning of all Union soldiers regardless of disability, the only requirement being that they shall have attained the age of sixty-two years.

The general scale of pensions fixed in the new bill according to age is as follows: Sixty-two years, \$15 a month; sixty-five years, \$20 a month; seventy years, \$25 a month and seventy-five years, \$30 a month.

It was declared by the advocates of the bill that 100 veterans are dying every twenty-four hours.

Whisky Crop for 1911.

The 1910-11 Kentucky Whisky crop will amount to between 40,000,000 and 45,000,000 gallons, a big increase over the output of 1909-10, which was 36,000,000 gallons. The crop of 1908-09 was only 27,000,000 gallons, which indicates that the whisky business is booming throughout the state.

FISCAL COURT ADJOURNS AFTER BUSY SESSION

Had Been in Session a Week—Order Made Concerning Working of Roads.

The Ohio County Fiscal Court adjourned Tuesday after a week's busy session. Some of the most important orders entered were: All claims allowed at the January 1911 term be paid out of the levy of 1911 except as otherwise provided.

W. B. Taylor, J. H. Miles and Thos. Sanders empowered to buy one gasoline engine to pull road graders for county.

Poll tax fixed at \$1.50 ad valorem tax on each \$100 worth of property, to be used as follows: Fifteen per cent. County offices; road and bridges, 50 per cent. for payment of county debts and interest, 20 per cent. for general expenses, 15 per cent. for salaries of officers, as follows, for year 1911:

County Judge R. R. Wedding, \$850; County Attorney C. E. Smith, \$850; County Health Officer Dr. S. J. Wedding, \$125; County Physician Dr. A. B. Riley, \$125; Road Supervisor W. B. Taylor, \$800; School Superintendent Henry Luech, \$1,000; County Treasurer Jno. T. Moore, \$200.

The following order was made in regard to working roads.

Road Supervisor W. B. Taylor directed to employ responsible parties to pull road grader in Ohio county, during the year 1911, by the hour, not exceeding 10 hours per day.

That the said Supervisor shall appoint an operator in each district, who shall, subject to authority of Supervisor oversee and superintend the grading or working of said road. Said operator to receive a compensation of 22 1/2c per hour, while actually engaged. Said operator shall appoint an assistant operator to be approved by the Road Supervisor W. B. Taylor whose duty shall be to see after bridges, warn hands collect the \$1.25 from all parties who do not desire to work on roads and the assistant operator is instructed not to

work hands in connection with grader.

That we give each road hand in the county the privilege of paying \$1.25 and be released from work on roads, for year 1911, or work the roads as provided by law. Said sum to be due and payable when warned by assistant operator to work roads.

That this Court appoint a Committee of three, composed of Jno. T. Moore, J. H. Miles and C. E. Smith to provide the necessary funds to pay the expense of working the road as herein provided.

West Kentucky Seminary Loses Out Badly at Owensboro.

Owensboro, Ky., Jan. 9.—A fair crowd witnessed the basketball game played Friday evening between the West Kentucky Seminary basketball team and the Owensboro high school five. The contest was a slow one, the high school boys taking a walk-over by ending the game 26 to 10. Both teams played only fair ball, but the visitors were in more need of practice than the locals. Following are the two lineups: W. K. S.—M. Taylor and Shultz, forwards; Rander and Rogers, guards; J. C. Taylor, center. O. H. S.—Clark and Poley, forwards; Jake and Meisenheimer, guards; Rhoads, center.

ARRESTED AFTER 4 YEARS' FREEDOM

Man Accused of Obstructing Justice Must Stand Trial, Court Holds.

Richmond, Ky., Jan. 10.—Through clever work of Deputy Sheriff E. B. Gilbert, formerly of Tazewell, Tenn., but lately of this city, the arrest of John M. Hambling was effected here this afternoon on the charge of murdering Arthur Johnson, dating back four years, and occurring at Clearfield, Tenn. Hambling has been employed as manager of Mrs. Ellen Gibson's dairy farm here more than a year, where he has made a good record and never being suspected of being a fugitive from justice.

Hambling better known as Maynard at Tazewell, his home town, was arrested at the time of killing but broke jail immediately afterward along with twenty other prisoners and made his escape. Maynard acknowledged the killing, but says it was in self-defense.

When asked why he broke jail he said he could not bear to be alone as every other prisoner walked out through the side of the jail by knocking off a plank. He said he was the last one to leave, and also the last one arrested.

His father is worth \$50,000 and is said to have written several letters requesting the son to return and surrender. Maynard is thirty years of age and married.

A letter bearing signatures of many prominent citizens here is being prepared to be sent to officers at Tazewell relative to the good conduct of Maynard while living here. A \$200 reward was offered for his arrest.

Evidence of Springtime.

Sunday morning there were some evidences that the spring time was no far in the distance the birds were heard chirping their utterances of cheer. All about town many remarked that if these messengers of the warmer season were to be accepted one might begin to get ready to plow and to plant. The temperature went away up until an overcast was really not in demand in order to enjoy comfort. The favorable change in weather conditions caused many to be out during the afternoon walking, as it was fully warm enough for persons to enjoy such recreation. After all, the little birds were mistaken as there is sure to be some real winter weather encountered before the winter is declared off.

For Sale.

One nice residence, heated with air furnaces, with about 19 or 20 acres of ground, more or less, part of it in best state of cultivation, all kinds of fruit, all necessary out-buildings situated on the I. C. R. R., between Beaver Dam and McHenry, at a great bargain. Address T. JAHN, Beaver Dam, Ky.

WOODMEN HAVE BIG INIATION

Exercises at Owensboro Last Sunday.

Principal Address is Delivered by Sovereign Root of Omaha, Neb.

Owensboro, Jan. 10.—The meeting held Sunday afternoon and evening by the Woodmen of the World, at which a class of several hundred was given the obligations of the lodge, and an equal number advanced to the Morning and Noon degrees, was one of the largest held in the state of Kentucky and in fact was the largest fraternal meeting ever held outside of Louisville.

The streets of Owensboro were thronged with Woodmen from all the surrounding districts of Western Kentucky. The parade, which formed in front of the Rudd house at 2:30 o'clock and passed through the principal streets of the city, was the beginning of the meeting. Delegates from sixty-four lodges and two bands participated in the parade.

The opening services were held at the Grand theater, where State Manager Brewer, of Louisville, assisted by Mr. J. H. Funk, also of Louisville acted as master of ceremonies. Hon. LaVega Clements, of Owensboro, delivered the welcome address. Mayor Head, of Louisville who was scheduled to have delivered the response, was unavoidably detained in Louisville and Dr. Schley, of Louisville, acted in that capacity.

Master R. T. Guthrie, a very young lad, amused the Woodmen by reciting a few lines of poetry. Following the address of Dr. Schley Miss Abelline Ellis, daughter of State Deputy Thomas L. Ellis delivered a toast to the Woodmen.

The principal address delivered was that of Sovereign Root, of Omaha, Neb., who came to Kentucky to attend the meeting in which he reviewed the work of the lodge generally, showing its great progress.

Before the close of the meeting the Woodmen of the World camps represented agreed to pay fifty cents for a fund with which to purchase a tract of land in Iowa where a monument will be placed to the memory of Sovereign Commander Root, and where a Woodmen Widows' home will be erected.

The evening services consisted entirely of the conferring of the degrees. Because of the special train on which the Louisville delegation and band arrived having to return to Louisville early the Protective degree was not conferred, but the candidates were obligated by State Manager J. H. Brewer, of Louisville. The Morning degree was conferred by Consul Commander Alvey Jacks and staff. The candidates were then advanced to the Noon degree by H. A. Birkhead, consul commander; R. E. Watkins, advisor; L. P. Tanner, banker; James Walr venerable father and R. E. Ellis, escort.

Sovereign Commander J. C. Root who mapped out the work of the Noon degree, stated that this work was executed in the best manner that he had ever seen it.

Three Miners Badly Burned.

Madisonville, Ky., Jan. 10.—Thomas Wanless, owner of the Wanless coal mine at Providence, and two miners were in the mines late yesterday afternoon when a loud explosion occurred. The men working above ground saw immense volumes of black smoke issuing from the mines, and as soon as they were able to get in which was in about half an hour, found the owner and the miners terribly burned.

Then men when found were unable to speak. Wanless is in a critical condition but it is thought if he did not inhale too much of the fumes he will live. The other two men will recover.

The mine is a mass of debris. It is a slope colliery and twenty men were employed. When the mine will open is not known. Wanless is a young man. His clothes were burned off and his flesh burned over his entire body.